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ALERTS

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation – Office Schedule

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation office, located on the University of West Alabama campus in Livingston, is closed through Monday, January 7, 2013. The office will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Correspondence during the office closure can be sent via email to alabamatrust@athp.org.

Historic Mobile Suffers Tornado Damage

The Christmas tornado that spun through Mobile damaged structures in several historic districts in the Midtown Mobile area. Three very important historic structures sustained considerable damage during the storm: Trinity Episcopal Church, Springhill Avenue Temple and Murphy High School.

Historic Murphy High School, the largest public high school in the state of Alabama, suffered considerable damage to the auditorium, grounds, and supporting buildings on the campus. The Murphy Alumni Association has established the *Tornado Restoration Fund* to help with the grounds cleanup and landscaping. To donate, visit www.murphyalumni.org.

Donations to the historic churches can be made to the following: Trinity Episcopal Church, 1900 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Alabama 36606 or Springhill Avenue Temple, 1769 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, Alabama 36607.

Mockingbird Tickets On Sale

To Kill a Mockingbird tickets went on sale January 2 to Monroe County Heritage Museum members and to groups of 10. Call 251-575-7433 or purchase tickets at the Museum. Tickets sells for the general public open on Friday, March 1st. The annual production now in its 23rd season is based on Harper Lee's book by the same title. For more information, visit www.tokillamockingbird.com.

EVENTS

ELMORE COUNTY

Saturday, January 19 – Sunday, January 20 – French Colonial Garrison

Visit a colonial garrison encampment and experience a part of Alabama's history. Re-enactors portray the daily life of French Colonial soldiers and Alabama's Creek Indians during the 1750's. Location: Fort

Toulouse Jackson, Wetumpka. For more information as to times and fees, call 334-567-3002 or email toulous1@bellsouth.net.

HOUSTON COUNTY

Wednesday, January 2 – Tuesday, January 15 – Alabama Folklife Exhibition

Don't miss *Alabama In the Making: Traditional Arts of People in Places*. Exhibition includes artifacts from the Alabama Center for Tradition and Culture, photographic collections, audio interviews, and video. Location: Landmarks Park, Hwy 431 N, Dothan. Sponsors: Alabama Folklife Association, Alabama Humanities Foundation, Alabama State Council on the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities and Landmarks Park. For more information, call 334-794-3451 or visit www.alabamainthemaking.com.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Wednesday, January 2 – Friday, January 25, 2013 – Red Mountain Rising Exhibition

Celebrate the opening of *Red Mountain Rising: An Oral History Collection*. Although Birmingham's Red Mountain Park mines closed in 1969, the memories and stories of the miners who worked there remain. This exhibit about miners of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company features the stories of those whose efforts made Birmingham the Southern City of Coal and Iron. Location: Vulcan Park Museum, Birmingham. Sponsor/Organizer: Red Mountain Park Greenway Commission. For more information, visit www.visitvulcan.com.

MOBILE COUNTY

Thursday, January 17, 5:45 p.m. – An Evening In History

L. Craig Roberts will present *Mardi Gras In Mobile*. Wine is poured at 5:45 p.m.; lecture begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. Location: Historic Oakleigh Mansion Complex, 300 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. Admission: HMPS Members and guests, Free; Non-Members, \$10. Sponsor: Historic Mobile Preservation Society (HMPS). To make reservations email hmps@bellsouth.net or call 251-432-6161.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Cultural Crossroads XII: Turning Points in Becoming Alabama

The 12th symposium in the Cultural Crossroads series will focus on the Creek Indians in their traditional homeland, the Alabama-Georgia frontier, and the challenges of the 19th century, which disrupted and divested their homes and lands. Speakers will look at these challenges and historical actions that led to the Creek-American War and, eventually, removal from their homeland. Speakers: Dr. Ed Bridges, Gary Burton, Raven Christopher, Mark Dauber, David Robb, Greg Spies, and Dr. Terry Winemiller, with brief introductory remarks by Mary Ann Neeley. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Light breakfast and lunch included in registration. Registration Deadline: January 10, 2013. Registration Fee: Landmarks Members and Friends of the Archives and History or Draughton Center, \$35; General Public, \$40; Faculty and Students, \$20. Sponsors: Alabama Department of Archives and History; Alabama Humanities Foundation; Caroline Marshall Draughton Center for the Art and Humanities, Auburn University; and Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more

information, contact Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery at 334-240-4500, 334-240-4518, or 888-240-1850.

Thursday, January 17, Noon – 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought

Presentation "*Segregation Forever: The Speech that Launched George Wallace's National Career*" by historian and author Dan Carter. Carter's presentation about Governor George Wallace's 1963 inaugural address promising "Segregation Today, Segregation Tomorrow, Segregation Forever!" will include a discussion of the various sources from which the final speechwriter, former Klansman Asa Carter, shaped these remarks. Carter has authored numerous publications including *Scottsboro: A Tragedy of the American South*; *The Politics of Rage: George Wallace, the Origins of the New Conservatism and the Transformation of American Politics*; and *From George Wallace to Newt Gingrich: Race in the Conservative Counterrevolution, 1963-1994*. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call 334-353-4726 or visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

NEWS

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Announces New Board Members

New members elected to the board of directors of the Alabama Trust are Lee Anderson (Birmingham), Ashley Dumas (Greensboro), Nancy Lutchendorf (Talladega), Bo Osborn (Florence), Michael Panhorst (Auburn/Opelika) and Ben Thompson (Birmingham). Officers for 2013 are Peg Hair (Birmingham), President; Devereaux Bemis (Mobile), 1st Vice President; Jack Peterson (Birmingham), 2nd Vice President/Finance/Treasurer; Wimberly Comer (Birmingham/Eufaula), 3rd Vice President/Membership; Florence Young (Montgomery), 4th Vice President/Programs; and Stephanie Rogers (Monroeville), Secretary.

Alabama Archaeological Society (AAS) Welcomes Public to Annual Meeting

The Alabama Archaeological Society will host its annual winter meeting Friday, January 11 – Saturday, January 12 and invites the public to participate. The meeting opens on Friday evening with a reception at the Archaeological Museum of Alabama on the University of South Alabama campus. Presentations by professional on Saturday are non-technical in nature to be enjoyable for lay public. Weather permitting, a visit and tour of Bottle Creek Indian Mound may occur. For a list of the presentations, visit www.facebook.com/pages/Alabama-Archaeological-Society/306415723786. For more information call Teresa Paglione at 334-887-4561 or email tpaglione@gmail.com.

Historic Powell School Raises the Roof

The transfer of the historic Powell School from the City of Birmingham to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is proving to have been a good thing. Damaged by fire in January 2011, Birmingham's oldest school building was thought to be lost. Instead, thanks to visionaries in city government led by local preservation advocates, attorney Sam Frazier and Operation New Birmingham's former executive director Mike Calvert, the school is well on its way to making Birmingham a better place to live. Frazier and Calvert, with assistance from the ATHP and preservation expert David B. Schneider, saw a new roof go up on the Powell School giving it a new look on life. For updates on the Powell School, visit <http://weldbham.com/blog/2012/12/14/saving-powell-school/>.

Frazier along with architectural historians Alice Bowsher and Robert Gamble oversee the Endangered Properties Trust fund of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. A revolving fund, the Endangered Properties Trust provides intervention and loan dollars to save historic structures in the state. For more information, visit www.alabamatrust.info/about.php.

NOTICES

Rikard's Grist Mill Closed for the Winter

Rikard's Mill Historical Park, located in Beatrice, is closed the winter. Gifts of syrup, grits and cornmeal are available at the Bird's Nest Gift Shop, Old Courthouse Museum on the Square in Monroeville. For additional information, contact the Monroe County Heritage Museum at 251-575-7433 or mchm@frontiernet.net.

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